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The Story, Chapter 14: A Kingdom Torn In Two

AS WE GATHER

The decline and fall of Israel. We see the depth of sin and suffering as God's people forsake him and seek other gods and protectors. As in our day, there are always some who still trust and follow the one true God.

OPENING HYMN: LSB 793, VERSES 1-3

793 PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN sts. 1–3

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
 To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 Evermore His praises sing:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise the everlasting King.

- 2 Praise Him for His grace and favor
 To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glorious in His faithfulness.

- 3 Father-like He tends and spares us;
 Well our feeble frame He knows;

In His hand He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Do good, O Lord, to those who hold fast to Your name

C **and to those upright in heart.**

P But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,

C **the Lord will lead away with evildoers.**

Silence for self-examination

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C **O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and**

who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: 793 PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN, verse 4

4 Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;

Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 12:1–17

¹Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone there to make him king. ²When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard this (he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), he returned from Egypt. ³So they sent for Jeroboam, and he and the whole assembly of Israel went to Rehoboam and said to him: ⁴“Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but now lighten the harsh labor and the heavy yoke he put on us, and we will serve you.”

⁵Rehoboam answered, “Go away for three days and then come back to me.” So the people went away.

⁶Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who had served his father Solomon during his lifetime. “How would you advise me to answer these people?” he asked.

⁷They replied, “If today you will be a servant to these people and serve them and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your servants.”

8 But Rehoboam rejected the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and were serving him. 9 He asked them, “What is your advice? How should we answer these people who say to me, ‘Lighten the yoke your father put on us’?”

10 The young men who had grown up with him replied, “These people have said to you, ‘Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but make our yoke lighter.’ Now tell them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist. 11 My father laid on you a heavy yoke; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions.’”

12 Three days later Jeroboam and all the people returned to Rehoboam, as the king had said, “Come back to me in three days.” 13 The king answered the people harshly. Rejecting the advice given him by the elders, 14 he followed the advice of the young men and said, “My father made your yoke heavy; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions.” 15 So the king did not listen to the people, for this turn of events was from the Lord, to fulfill the word the Lord had spoken to Jeroboam son of Nebat through Ahijah the Shilonite.

16 When all Israel saw that the king refused to listen to them, they answered the king:

“What share do we have in David, what part in Jesse’s son?

To your tents, Israel! Look after your own house, David!”

So the Israelites went home. 17 But as for the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah, Rehoboam still ruled over them.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. ²³All the people were astonished and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”

²⁴But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.”

²⁵Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? ²⁷And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁸But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²⁹“Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

³⁰“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

GOD THE LORD THE KING ALMIGHTY

sts. 1–3

- 1 God the Lord the King Almighty
Calls the earth from east to west
Shining out from Zion's splendor
City loveliest and best
Comes our God He breaks the silence
Robed in burning majesty
"Gather all my covenant people,
Bound by sacrifice to me"

- 2 Hear me testify against you
Listen Israel as I speak
I do not require your offerings
Sacrifice I do not seek
Mountain birds and meadow creatures
Cattle on a thousand hills
All the beasts are my possession
Moving as their maker wills

3 God who owns the whole creation
Needs no gift no food no house
Bring to Him your heart's thanksgiving
God most High will hear your vows
Trust Him in the day of trouble
Call to Him who will redeem
He will be your strong deliverer
His renown your daily theme

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SERMON: THE STORY, CHAPTER 14: A KINGDOM TORN IN TWO

OUR PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

sts. 1, , 2

1 Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood (CHORUS)

CHORUS

**This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

2 Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst at my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love (CHORUS)

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